

# Doing What Jesus Did as a Family

## Week One - Introduction

*"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." - John 14:21*

As parents and caregivers, one of our primary responsibilities is to teach our children what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This means both teaching your children what Jesus did through Bible reading and modeling what Jesus did by obeying His commands together as a family. In conjunction with our "Do What Jesus Did" series, we're challenging the families of Citizens to follow Jesus together through practice guides. Each practice guide will have Scripture to read, a song to sing, and an age-appropriate activity. We pray this will help you grow as a disciple-maker and help to shepherd your child towards faith in Jesus!

**Read It** - Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:1-11, "Story 45: King Jesus Goes Up to Heaven" from the *Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* by Jared Kennedy or *Going Home* from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones.

**Sing It** - Disciple (Luke 9:23, Luke 14:27) by Slugs & Bugs

### **Do It** -

*Babies* - Pray for your child that they would come to faith in Christ, loving Him with all of their heart, mind, and strength. Pray that they would become like Jesus and do what Jesus did.

*Toddlers* - In addition to praying for your child, teach your child to say, "Disciples do what Jesus did!" Include fun hand motions to go along with the phrase. Practice it often throughout the day.

*Big Kids* - In addition to praying for your child and teaching them the phrase "disciples do what Jesus did," have a discussion at a family meal time about things Jesus did. Ask your child to list all of the things they can think of that Jesus asks His disciples to do. Have each family member share which practice they think is the hardest and which practice they're most excited to start doing. Pray together that the Holy Spirit would help you do the things Jesus says to do.